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2. SUMMARY: PRESS JANUARY 25 PUBLISHED MORE LETTERS HINTING
THAT SOLZHENITSYN SHOULD LEAVE (OR BE FORCED TO LEAVE) SOVIET

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UNION. ARTICLES ON FOREIGN PRESS REPORTS CONTAIN EXPECTED
ATTACKS ON THE AUTHOR, BUT PROVIDE A BIT MORE INFORMATION

ON SOLZHENITSYN AND HIS WORKS TO SOVIET READERSHIP.

END SUMMARY

2. PRAVDA JANUARY 25 PUBLISHES FOUR MORE READERS' LETTERS ON SOLZHENITSYN, ONE OF WHICH IS SIGNED BY RELATIVELY WELL-KNOWN (IN SOVIET UNION) DAGESTANI AUTHOR RASUL GAMZATOV. GAMZATOV WRITES THAT IN DAYS WHEN SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY "OPENLY AND DIRECTLY" REVEALED VIOLATIONS CONNECTED WITH "CULT OF PERSONALITY," SOME VIEWED SOLZHENITSYN AS MAN WHO WAS "OUTRAGED BY PAST INJUSTICES," BUT THEY DID NOT GUESS HIS REAL GOAL, LATER DESCRIBED AS DESIRE TO SPREAD FILTH ABOUT SOVIET SYSTEM. LETTER ENDS BY STATING, "LET HIM GO WHERE IT WILL BE GOOD FOR HIM. WITHOUT HIM WE BUILT OUR LIFE AND CULTURE. EVEN NOW, WE CAN GET ALONG WITHOUT HIM AND OTHERS LIKE HIM."

3. ANOTHER WRITER SUGGESTS THAT SOLZHENITSYN HAS CROSSED THE BOUNDARY "PAST WHICH HE WAS LOST THE RIGHT TO BE CONSIDERED A SOVIET CITIZEN." WRITER TELLS SOLZHENITSYN THAT PATIENCE OF SOVIET PEOPLE IS GREAT, BUT "NOT AT ALL BOUNDLESS." SOVIETSKAYA KULTURA JANUARY 25 ALSO PRINTED TWO LETTERS ALONG SAME LINES. ONE STATES THAT "THERE IS NO PLACE IN OUR SOCIETY FOR PEOPLE LIKE SOLZHENITSYN."

4. IZVESTIYA JANUARY 24 PUBLISHED TRANSLATION OF L'HUMANITE ARTICLE ON SOLZHENITSYN, WHILE SOVIETSKAYA KULTURA RAN TEXT OF ALBERT KAHN'S "UNPUBLISHED" LETTER TO NY TIMES MENTIONED IN REFTEL. BOTH ATTACK SOLZHENITSYN, DEFEND SOVIET UNION IN FAMILIAR TERMS, AND ARE MORE INTERESTING FOR WHAT THEY REVEAL ABOUT THE AUTHOR AND HIS WORKS. SOVIET READERS ARE INFORMED THAT SOLZHENITSYN HIMSELF WAS A VICTIM OF REPRESSION AND THAT OVER 200 PEOPLE HELPED HIM IN PROVIDING MATERIAL FOR GULAG. THEY ALSO LEARN THAT SOLZHENITSYN WROTE OF "RUMORS" THAT STALIN PLANNED AN ANTI-JEWISH POGROM AND THAT HE ALLEGES ONE-QUARTER OF THE POPULATION OF LENINGRAD "DISAPPEARED" IN THE 1930'S.

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